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Amendments to the Claims

1	1.	(Original): A laser light source comprising:
2		a cage defining a cavity formed from a plurality of self-assembling protein molecules,
3		and
4		one or more cargo elements located within the cavity, wherein at least one of the cargo
5		elements defines a cavity that contains a fluid and or a quantum dot,
6		wherein the cargo element cavity and or its contained fluid internally reflects one or more
7		wavelengths of light in response to an electromagnetic excitation
8		and
9		wherein the laser light source emits one or more photons of light in response to
10		a stimulus deforming the cargo element cavity.
1	2.	(Original): A laser light source according to claim 1 comprising,
2		receptors for capturing and positioning cargo elements within the self-assembling protein
3		cavity.
1	3.	(Original): A laser light source according to claim 2 comprising,
2		a vesicle located within the cage and enclosing one or more cargo elements, wherein the
3		receptors extend through the vesicle to capture and position a cargo element within the
4		vesicle.
1	4.	(Original): A laser light source according to claim 3 comprising,
2		adaptors disposed between the receptors and the cage and binding to the receptors.
1	5.	(Original): A laser light source according to claim 1 comprising,
2		a vesicle located within the cage and enclosing one or more cargo elements.
1	6.	(Currently Amended): A laser light source according to claim 1 comprising,
2		molecular tethers for capturing and positioning one or more cargo elements within and or
3		outside the cavity.

(Currently Amended): A laser light source according to claim 1 comprising,

direct cage bonding for capturing and positioning one or more cargo elements within and or outside the cavity.

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- 1 8. (Currently Amended): A laser light source according to claim 1 further comprising,
- 2 receptors, molecular tethers and direct cage bonding for capturing and positioning one or
- more cargo elements within and or outside the cavity.
- 1 9. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1 further comprising, one or more cargo elements forming a non-permeable cavity.
- 1 10. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 3 further comprising, a vesicle forming a non-permeable cavity.
- 1 11. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 3 comprising,
- a vesicle defining a cavity located within the cage, wherein a fluid and or a quantum dot are contained in the vesicle cavity.
- 1 12. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cage is electrically
- 2 neutral and inhibits charge transfer between the cage and its enclosed cargo elements.
- 1 13. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 3, wherein the vesicle is electrically
- 2 neutral and inhibits charge transfer between the vesicle and its enclosed cargo elements.
- 1 14. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 4, wherein the receptors and adaptors
- are electrically neutral and inhibit charge transfer between the vesicle and cage and their
- 3 enclosed cargo elements.
- 1 15. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cage reduces
- 2 contaminant background radiation to cargo carried within the cage.
- 1 16. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 3, wherein the vesicle reduces
- 2 contaminant background radiation to cargo carried within the vesicle.
- 1 17. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1 comprising, a self-assembling
- 2 framework of cages to structurally support one or more self-assembling light sources.
- 1 18. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1 comprising a self-assembling
- 2 electrically neutral substrate of cages to structurally support one or more self-assembling
- 3 light sources.

- 1 19. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1 comprising, a self-assembling
- 2 framework of cages to structurally order one or more self-aligning light sources.
- 1 20. (Original): A light source according to claim 1, wherein the one or more cargo elements
- 2 is a single cargo element comprising a cargo element that defines a cavity that contains a
- 3 fluid and or a quantum dot.
- 1 21. (Original): A light source according to claim 1, wherein the one or more cargo elements
- 2 are a plurality of cargo elements.
- 1 22. (Original): A light source according to claim 22, wherein the plurality of cargo elements
- 2 are light source cargo elements.
- 1 23. (Original): A light source according to claim 22, wherein the plurality of cargo elements
- 2 are non-light source cargo elements
- 1 24. (Original): A light source according to claim 22, wherein at least some of the plurality of
- 2 cargo elements are light source cargo elements.
- 1 25. (Currently amended): A light source according to claim 22, wherein at least some of the
- 2 plurality of cargo elements are <u>non-light</u> source cargo elements
- 1 26. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cargo
- 2 elements respond to stimuli internal and or external to the cage.
- 1 27. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 3, wherein a vesicle and its
- 2 contained cargo elements respond to stimuli internal and <u>or</u> external to the vesicle.
- 1 28. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cargo element-
- 2 contained ARC fluid and or the vesicle-contained fluid contains one or more dyes of any
- 3 suitable type, with or without scattering particles, or with or without other dopants.
- 1 29. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 22, wherein a subset of the cargo
- 2 elements include one or more liquids without dopants or with one or more dopants.
- 1 30. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 22, wherein a subset of the cargo
- 2 elements include a gas or vapor without dopants or with one or more dopants of any
- 3 suitable type.
- 1 31. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein a cargo element cavity
- 2 containing one or more quantum dots comprise a photonic dot.
- 1 32. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 3, wherein a vesicle cavity containing
- 2 one or more quantum dots comprises a photonic dot.

- 1 33. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the internal or external
- deforming stimulus includes one or more stimuli of any suitable type, including but not
- 3 limited to mechanical, chemical, fluidic, biological, photonic, thermal, sonic, and
- 4 electrical or electromagnetic stimuli.
- 1 34. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein a spherical cargo element
- 2 cavity and or a spherical vesicle cavity is deforming in response to an external stimulus,
- and the so deformed spherical cavity is an asymmetric resonant cavity (ARC)
- 1 35. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein a spherical fluid droplet
- 2 contained within a spherical cargo element cavity and or contained within a spherical
- 3 vesicle cavity is deformed in response to a deformed cargo element cavity and or to a
- 4 deformed vesicle cavity, and the so deformed spherical droplet thereby becomes an
- 5 asymmetric resonant cavity (ARC).
- 1 36. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the ARC deforms from a
- 2 first geometry to a second geometry and the wavelength of the one or more photons is
- dependent on the second geometry.
- 1 37. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein selectable quantum dot
- 2 energy emissions are used to tune the Q-value and resonant frequency of the ARC
- 3 photonic dot.
- 1 38. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the Q-value (whispering
- 2 gallery modes) and resonant frequency of the laser are tunable by using an ARC.
- 1 39. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the ARC is a Q-switched
- 2 laser.
- 1 40. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the laser light
- 2 source is an ultrabright, a tunable source of light.
- 1 41. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein there is the ability to couple
- a high-Q/whispering gallery mode out of the ARC with strong directionality
- 1 42. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein it operates at an ultralow
- threshold.
- 1 43. (Cancelled):
- 1 44. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the laser light
- source is a therapeutic single task and or multitask in vivo and or in vitro agent.

- 1 45. (Cancelled):
- 1 46. (Cancelled):
- 1 47. (Cancelled):
- 1 48. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cage is bioengineered in
- whole or in part.
- 1 49. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the self-assembling protein
- 2 molecule is a clathrin molecule.
- 1 50. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cage comprises self-
- 2 assembling synthetic protein molecules.
- 1 51. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 4, wherein receptors,
- adaptors, and vesicle comprise natural and or synthetic protein molecules.
- 1 52. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 4, wherein the receptors, adaptors, and
- 2 vesicle are bioengineered at least in part.
- 1 53. (Cancelled):
- 1 54. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 3, wherein the vesicle is
- 2 coated at least partially in a substantially reflective material in one or more materials.
- 1 55. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cage is
- 2 coated at least partially in a substantially non-reflective material in one or more materials.
- 1 56. (Cancelled):
- 1 57. (Cancelled):
- 1 58. (Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 4, wherein the receptors,
- adaptors, and vesicle are at least partially metal coated in one or more materials.
- 1 59. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cage is greater than
- 2 about one nanometer in diameter.
- 1 60. (Cancelled):
- 1 61. (Cancelled):
- 1 62. (Original): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the cage is substantially
- 2 symmetric with respect to a plane.
- 1 63. (Original): A laser light source element according to claim 1, wherein the cage has
- 2 substantially icosahedral geometry.

1	64.	(Currently amended): A light source according to claim 1, wherein multiple light sources	
2		are physically and or functionally linked together.	
1	65.	(Cancelled):	
1	66.	(Currently amended): A laser light source according to claim 1, wherein the laser light	
2		source forms a hybrid system upon its physical and or functional integration with	
3		elements in vitro and or in vivo.	
1	67.	(Original): A method for forming a light source comprising	
2		self-assembling protein molecules into a cage defining a cavity, and locating one or more	
3	cargo elements within the cavity, wherein,		
4		at least one of the cargo elements defines a cavity that contains a fluid and/or a quantum	
5	dot,		
6		wherein the cargo element cavity and or its contained fluid internally reflects one or more	
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